

In the International
Military Tribunal for
the Far East.

Evidentiary Document 35423

The United States of America and Others

v

ARAKI, Sadao and Others

Affidavit

I, Roderick Graham Wells of Tatura in the State of Victoria formerly
W214024 Lieutenant R. G. Wells of 8th Division Signals make oath and
say:-

1. I became a prisoner of war at Singapore on 15 February 1942.
I subsequently went to Sandakan and Kuching in Borneo and was sent
from Kuching on 8 March 1944 to Outram Road Gaol to serve a
sentence of 12 years' penal servitude with hard labour imposed on me
by a Japanese court-martial. I arrived at Outram Road Gaol on 11th
March 1944 and remained there until 3rd April 1945 when I was
removed to Changi Hospital.

2. I saw many instances of maltreatment of prisoners at Outram
Road Gaol.

An Englishman named Bradley was extremely sick. His testicles
were about six inches in diameter due to excessive water caused by
beri beri. Whilst in this condition, a guard struck him, kicked him
on the head and then in the testicles. He continued to kick him
until Bradley became unconscious. Bradley died about four months
later. The most usual form of punishment was face slapping and
reduction of rations. Prisoners working in the garden were kicked,
beaten and made to stand in the blazing sun for up to an hour and a
half for such things as trying to eat green leaves from the plants.

3. Everyone was extremely weak and sick from malnutrition. Even
to walk was an absolute effort, let alone work. The food consisted
of five or six ounces of rice per day at the most, but for one period
of seven months we had nothing but a soup made by boiling tapioca
flour in water and adding pepper.

4. The sole bedding issued consisted of a wooden block to rest the
head on, two boards about six inches wide, one inch deep and six feet
long to lie on and two very thin worn out blankets. The prison was
vermin infested.

5. There were practically no medical supplies and the only medical treatment was that provided by a medical orderly who occasionally came around.

6. The work was very monotonous. For nine months we were picking hemp, a conglomeration of hemp from workshops. We were made to pick out threads in order that they could be made into rough rope. We had to sit cross-legged in an atap roofed shed with no walls and a leaking roof from morning to night. We had to work in absolute silence and were forbidden to look anywhere other than directly to the front. We were being continuously watched by a guard while we worked. If insufficient work was completed at the end of the afternoon we lost approximately half our evening meal.

Sworn at Essenden
in the State of Victoria
this the 1st day of October, 1946

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) /s/ R. G. Wells, Lieut.
) R of O

Before me,

John KUTZ

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私ガイクトリア州「タツ」居住元カハ師團通信隊
所屬中尉認識者ナリ又「四〇三四号」ロテリック
グラム・ウエルズ「ハ宣誓」上左、通リ陳述ス

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ニ私ハ「アウトラム」路監獄ニ於テ、澤山ノ侮辱虐待
ノ事例ヲ目撃シマシタ。

「フランドリ」トイフ一英國人ハ重病ニアリマシタ。
彼ノ鼻丸ハ脚氣症カラ來ル過多ノ水氣ノ爲メ約
六吋ノ直径デアリマシタ。此ノ状態ニ在ル間ニ一
衛兵ハ彼ノ頭部ヲ次イテ彼ノ鼻丸ヲ殴打シタリ
蹴ツタリシマシタ。衛兵ハ「フランドリ」ガ失神
スルニ至ル迄蹴リ續ケマシタ。「フランドリ」ハ約四
ヶ月ノ後ニ死亡シマシタ

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庭テ働イテキタは侮辱達ハ蹴ツレタリ打ツレタリ
又植物カ「緑葉」ヲ喰ベヤウトスルヤウナコトノ
爲メ一時間半ニモ及ブ間ホ熱一陽光ヲ浴ビテ
立タサシマシタ。

ニ * * * * * 食事ハ精ニ一日ニ五芒ク
六「オニス」米カラ出来テキマシタ。然レセケ月
ニ旦ル一期間ノ間私達ハ「タ」ヲカ、粉ニ胡椒ヲ
加ヘテ水ヲ煮沸シテ作ツタ「スープ」ノ外ニ何モ
食ベマセシマシタ

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六 * * * 九月、向 新達ハ大森ヲ
捨集メテ居リマシタ。 * * * *

新達ハアタツプデ屋根ヲ葺キテ壁ノ無キ
屋根カフ水ノ漏ル小屋ノ中ニ朝カフ晩ニテ
胡坐ニ坐ッテサナクテバナリマセニテニタ。
新達ハ絶対無言ニテ作業ヲシテバナリマセニ
ツタシ又前方ヲ直接ニ見ニ以外ニハ如何ニ
ル方向ニモ目ヲ遣ルニトヲ禁止セシマシタ。

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